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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER §37 CFR 1.121

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 29, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application. The deadline for responding to the Office Action is September 29, 2006. Therefore, the response filed September 19, 2006 is timely and no extensions of time are required.

Applicant's Amendment filed August 16, 2006 reinstated original claims 25, 26, 32, 34 and 35, which had been cancelled in a prior Response. The USPTO has objected to the 8/16/2006 Amendment because these reinstated claims were submitted as "original." Accordingly, Applicant is resubmitting the entire "Amendment to the Claims" section of the 8/16/2006 Response, where claims claims 25, 26, 32, 34 and 35 are now identified as "Previously Presented."

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